

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for scheduling, via a medical information system, a plurality of exams for a patient, each of said exams requiring at least one resource, the method comprising the following steps:

displaying by the medical information system a listing of a plurality of exams having a grouping relation;

receiving user input by the medical information system for: (a) selecting a first exam ~~from said list; and (b) selecting at least one other exam from said list to be co-scheduled with said first exam; [(c)]~~ (b) scheduling an appointment for said first exam;

~~the medical information system~~ checking by the medical information system whether said first and said at least one other exam require the use of a common resource; and

~~when the result of said checking is positive~~ applying by the medical information system the scheduled appointment of said first exam for said at least one other exam when said first and said at least one other exam require the use of the common resource.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 11, further comprising de-selecting exams from said list for which co-scheduling is not applicable.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of assigning to one of said first exam and to said at least one other exam one of a preferred date period and a preferred time period.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of assigning to one of said first exam and to said at least one other exam one of a start time and a time interval for starting the exam.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of copying information from said first exam to said at least one

other exam.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of generating a confirmation letter for said first exam.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said confirmation letter comprises information for said at least one other exam.

18. (New) A method for scheduling examinations for a patient, the method comprising:

identifying by a medical information system two or more exams for a patient requiring at least one common resource; and

scheduling by the medical information system the two or more exams such that the at least one common resource is utilized to perform the two or more exams without interruption by an exam for another patient.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the two or more exams have a grouping relation indicative of common resources shared by the two or more exams.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the common resources include at least one of a common physician, a common room, a common medical device, and a common medical staff.

21. (New) The method of claim 18, further including setting up a list of the two or more exams in accordance with the grouping relation.

22. (New) The method of claim 18, further including scheduling the two or more exams in a common time frame.

23. (New) A method for scheduling a plurality of exams for a patient in a medical information system, each of the plurality of exams requiring at least one resource, the method comprising:

scheduling an appointment for a first exam of the plurality of exams;
determining by the medical information system a second exam in the plurality of exams, wherein the first and second exams require at least one common resource; and
scheduling an appointment for the second exam such that the at least one common resource is utilized to perform both the first and second exams for the patient without an intervening use of the at least one common resource by a different patient.

24. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising scheduling the first and second exams for a common time slot.

25. (New) The method according to claim 23, further comprising grouping the plurality of exams in accordance with a grouping relation.

26. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the grouping relation indicates the common resources shared by the plurality of exams.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.